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B'luru's rain blues fuel rising temperature

City faces 87% rainfall deficit in September, receiving only 26 mm of rain, while mercury touches 31°C, 2.2°C above normal

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While India experiences an 8% excess in rainfall, marking the best monsoon in the last four years, Bengaluru faced an 87% rain deficit in September this year. As the rains diminish, temperatures in Bengaluru are steadily rising. On Monday, the city's temperature reached 31°C, which is 2.2°C above the normal. According to an update from Namma Karnataka Weather, "September was unusually dry, despite being considered the wettest month for Bengaluru." The city recorded only 26 mm of rainfall, significantly below the average of 200 mm. In fact, September 2024 was the fifth driest month in the city's history. Dr N Puvvarasan, a scientist from the IMD, explained, "A cyclonic circulation currently lies over the Comorin area and the adjoining Equatorial Indian Ocean, extending up to 1.5 km above mean sea level. Additionally, a trough runs from this cyclonic circulation to north Interior Karnataka across Interior Tamil Nadu at 0.9 km above mean sea level." As a result, Bengaluru is expected to experience a generally cloudy sky with light to moderate rain or thundershowers. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 31°C and 21°C, respectively.

In September, the state faced a 19% rainfall deficit. According to norms, September should see about 15.4 cm of rainfall, but only 12.4 cm was recorded. Southern interior districts experienced a significant deficit of 66%, while northern interior districts saw a 27% shortfall. Overall, Karnataka has seen about 15% more rainfall this monsoon season, leading to 99% of the ex-



Despite weak start, later rainfall replenished tanks and reservoirs, ensuring farming continued smoothly

pected sowing being completed, except in a few districts. Although the monsoon's onset was not particularly strong, causing some delays in agricultural activities, subsequent rainfall has replenished tanks and reservoirs, allowing for uninterrupted farming.

For example, in districts like Kolar, Chamarajanagar, and Kodagu, the rainfall has been below average, resulting in a decline in sowing. From June to the end of September, the state typically expects about 85.2 cm of rainfall. This year, it has received 97.2 cm, which is 15% more than usual. Among the southern interior districts, the rainfall has exceeded expectations by 10%. In the northern interior, it is 12%, in the Malnad region, it is 13%, and in the coastal areas, it is 21% above average.

The Agriculture department initially anticipated that 82.48 lakh

hectares would be sown due to favourable rainfall. As of September 27, sowing has been completed on 81.33 lakh hectares. Compared to the average sowing area over the past five years, which was 75.99 lakh hectares, this year's achievement represents a 107% increase. The favourable rainfall in August played a significant role in creating a conducive environment for sowing. Districts such as Davanagere (106%), Bagalkot, Gadag, Kalaburagi (103%) exceeded their sowing targets. However, Kodagu (67%), Chamarajanagar (81%), and Chikmagalur (89%) faced challenges in meeting their sowing targets.

Surge in pulses sowing

This year, the target for sowing single-crop cereals, such as rice, jowar, ragi, and maize, was set at 36.33 lakh hectares, with sowing completed on 35.95 lakh hectares.

For pulse crops like toor dal, chickpeas, horse gram, urad, and moong, the target was 21.19 lakh hectares, but 22.46 lakh hectares were sown, achieving 106% of the goal. Experts attribute the expanded sowing area to consistent rainfall throughout the monsoon season.

Decline in oilseed sowing

In contrast, the sowing area for oilseeds has decreased. For oilseed crops, including groundnut, sunflower, and sesame, the target was set at 9.79 lakh hectares, but only 8.34 lakh hectares (85%) were sown.

An official from the Agriculture Department said, "The monsoon period from June to September is ending, with some areas still receiving rain. Initial low rainfall raised concerns, but subsequent good rainfall has invigorated agricultural activities."

IN BRIEF

Festive fever hits B'luru

As Dasara unfolds in Bengaluru, the city bursts with vibrant celebrations from various communities. Central to the festivities is 'Gombe Habba' (the festival of dolls), a tradition that, while fading, still inspires many families to invest months in their preparations. Each year, these households unveil fresh themes for their doll arrangements, captivating onlookers with their creativity. A highlight is often the splendidly adorned Pattada Gombe (Raja-Rani dolls), meticulously arranged in a stepped formation, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the celebration.

Garba time

It's Garba time in Bengaluru, and excitement is palpable as teens prepare to showcase their Garba and Dandiya skills in vibrant costumes. This traditional folk dance from Gujarat attracts participants from diverse communities during the Navratri festival. In Gayatri Vihar, youngsters form groups to light up the stage, while various community centres and hotels provide lively venues for all to dance to enchanting drum beats. The Dandiya and Garba event, hosted by the Shri Raghuvanshi Charitable Trust (SRCT) from October 6 to 13, promises to be a hit, with organisers anticipating larger crowds this year. "This year we have The Devi Chaeda Group from Mumbai belting out the many popular Garba songs and with the lead singer Preeti Shah it surely will be a week to remember for all the Garba and Dandiya buffs," said Pankaj Kothari from SRCT.

Celebrating girls

This Dasara is one of the most eagerly anticipated festivals for young girls in the city. Many families invite young girls to their homes on the eighth day of the festival. These girls are not only honoured with pooja, as they are seen as representations of Durga but they are also treated to a variety of delicious dishes and given gifts.

Women empowerment themes

Atalanta Banerjee from the Utsav Durga Puja committee remarked, "This year, we are celebrating womanhood, with a special focus on women artists as our guests. Our theme revolves around inclusivity and empowerment, which is reflected in the décor and ambience at Utsav Bengaluru Durga Puja in Vijaya Bank Layout, Bannerghatta Road, where we began our celebrations 13 years ago."



3 THINGS TO DO

01 Madhubani art showcase

Join in and witness the magic of traditional Madhubani art infused with contemporary creativity with the 'Festival of Handmade,' an art showcase of Vidushini Prasad's



exclusive range of handcrafted Madhubani creations, including paintings, stoles, journals, and more. Prasad is a Bengaluru-based self-taught Madhubani (Mithila) artist, originally from Bihar, the birthplace of this ancient art form. Her work spans handmade paper, silk, fabrics, and wearable art. **Where:** Jayamahar Palace Hotel; **When:** October 2-6, 8 am to 8 pm



02 Tribute to Gandhiji

Celebrate Gandhi Jayanthi with the National Gallery of Modern Art Bengaluru (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) by joining in for an inspiring tribute featuring the 'Constitution-themed Doll Collection.'

Where: National Gallery of Modern Art, Palace Road; **When:** October 3 and 4

03 Dasara doll festival



Explore various handmade dolls made by rural artisans from Channarayana, Kolkata, Varanasi, Ettikopakkam, Kodavalli, Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Panruti, and Mysuru made in wood, clay, paper mash, ivory wood, and lac turned wood at the annual 'Dasara Doll Festival' at Studio Tamala. At the fest, the Mysuru Dasara celebration has been recreated in miniature form with an architecturally splendid building, along with a detailed KR circle, the famous clock tower, palace miniatures in different sizes, and the ubiquitous tonga and the Dasara elephant cart.

Where: Studio Tamala, JP Nagar
When: Until October 12, 11 am to 7 pm



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Animal activists demand BBMP stop microchipping stray dogs

While activists raise complaints on unhygienic conditions, officials state microchipping of strays done with all necessary precautions and plan expansion of project in remaining wards in city

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Animal activists and Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) members raised complaints to Karnataka Veterinary Council last week regarding the microchipping of stray dogs in unhygienic conditions and open places. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) initiated a pilot project to microchip stray dogs in Mathikere and Malleswaram to improve the management of the city's stray dog population. This project aimed to address the challenges related to tracking and monitoring street dogs. However, animal activists and SPCA members are demanding the Karnataka Veterinary Council cancel this on-going pilot project in the city as the authorities have failed to follow the norms and regulations.

In a letter to the Karnataka Veterinary Council, two SPCA members—Arun Prasad and Sujaya Jagadish—stated that the BBMP Animal Husbandry Department staff are microchipping street dogs in open public places in a non-sterile environment by catching them in the net and then implanting microchips onto them. "An invasive procedure like microchipping in unhygienic and dirty open public places is not done by any veterinarians worldwide as it will severely put the street dog into adverse health risk and may cause irreversible damage,"



According to the letter, BBMP Animal Husbandry Department staff are microchipping street dogs in an open environment under the pilot project

the letter read.

They further stated that microchipping for pet animals is done worldwide by qualified veterinary surgeons at clinics and hospitals but not in open, non-sterile public places. Jagadish is strongly demanding an immediate halt to microchipping of street dogs. "Priority for animal welfare must be our aim to truly move forward and make a positive change for our voiceless. Authorities must treat these innocent animals with dignity and compassion and not like an object for experimentation," she said.

Prayag HS, Chief Veterinary Officer (Mobile and Extension), Department of Animal Hus-

bandy and Veterinary Sciences, said that microchipping is recommended for pet dogs but not for street dogs, as no country has successfully done it till date for street dogs. He stated that microchipping of animals is done by veterinarians and parastaff under the supervision of veterinary doctors in sterile environments.

'83 street dogs microchipped; all precautions taken'

Meanwhile, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health & Animal Husbandry) Suralkar Vikas Kishor said that all precautions were taken to avoid complications while microchipping stray dogs. "It is a pilot project. As of now, we did

microchipping for 83 street dogs, and among them, we kept 10 street dogs under observation for complications. So far, no complications are reported," said the Special Commissioner.

Kishor said that microchipping would facilitate identifying street dogs without much hassle. "It will help store data such as the dog's location, vaccination dates, and sterilisation surgery details. Animal activists, by using microchip readers, can inform us about street dogs that need medical treatment. After completing the pilot project, we will engage BBMP's paramedical staff to microchip street dogs in the remaining wards in the city," he added.

Heading out? Keep these road restrictions and diversions in mind

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has announced road infrastructure development and white-topping work on Doddanekkundi Main Road, within the limits of HAL Airport Traffic Police Station. Starting Wednesday (October 2, 2024) the work is expected

to continue for approximately 90 days.

Restricted movement

To facilitate the smooth flow of traffic during this period, the movement of all types of vehicles from Doddanekkundi Main Road junction near Sri Rama Temple towards Outer Ring Road has been restricted. Commuters are advised to use alternative routes to avoid inconvenience. Additionally, the movement of heavy goods vehicles has been restricted on these roads to ensure safety and minimise congestion.

Road diversions

Vehicles travelling from Outer Ring Road to Doddanekkundi Junction can take Nisarga Extension Main Road towards Doddanekkundi Post Office and proceed via Ambedkar Colony Main Road to reach Doddanekkundi Main Road. Similarly, vehicles moving from Doddanekkundi Junction to Outer Ring Road can use the same route in reverse.

Motorists are requested to plan their journeys accordingly and cooperate with traffic authorities to ease the transition during the development work. BBMP officials have urged the public to follow the designated routes and drive cautiously in the affected areas. **BMB**

Brace up for slow moving traffic on Jayamahar & Millers Road for 10 days

Vehicular movement shall be slower on Jayamahar Road and Millers Road towards Queens Road for the next 10 days due to ongoing railway department work opposite Cantonment Railway Station.

Traffic congestion is expected during peak hours, and motorists are advised to plan their journeys accordingly. Meanwhile, traffic police officers are stationed at key junctions to manage and clear the traffic. Commuters are urged to follow traffic regulations and cooperate with the authorities to ensure smoother traffic flow.

Man held trying to smuggle ganja via train

A 29-year-old hotel employee was arrested by the Cantonment Railway Police on Thursday for smuggling ganja aboard the Prasanthi Express. The accused, Bhuban Batri, hailing from Kalyansingpur in Odisha's Rayagada district, was apprehended on Platform 1 while waiting with two suspicious bags.

The police officers who were patrolling the area noticed Batri's nervous behaviour, and upon searching his luggage, they recovered 24.160 kg of ganja, packed into two bags, with an estimated

street value of 2.4 lakh.

During interrogation, Batri confessed that he had purchased the drugs for ₹50,000 from a contact in Tekkari, Odisha, intending to sell them to clients in Bengaluru.

Authorities suspect Batri is a habitual offender and could be involved in a larger drug smuggling racket with a history of peddling narcotics. He has been charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and further investigations are underway to trace his network. **BMB**

Murder attempt: 6 arrested

The Rajagopal Nagar police on Monday arrested six individuals involved in an alleged murder attempt near the Laggere Hale Bus Stand. According to the complainant, Narendra, also known as Das, a rowdy sheeter, on the night of September 26, he and his friends gathered at his residence in Laggere, Kapila Nagar. While they were having dinner, they were attacked by a group of individuals identified as Ramesh (Patilu), Tejas (Tiger), Manjunath (Moothi), Arun, and Dixit, with the intent to commit murder. The complainant and his friends narrowly escaped the attack. A case has been registered under sections 109, 118(1), 189(2), 190, 191(2), 329(4), and 25(12)(2) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). **BMB**

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Asphalt vanishes, potholes return

Residents of Rayasandra and Jai Bhuvaneshwari Layout are frustrated as BBMP's road repairs on Hosa Road fail and demand accountability for poor work

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Residents of Rayasandra and Jai Bhuvaneshwari Layout were delighted when Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials began filling potholes on Hosa Road near the Central Prison. However, their joy turned to shock as the asphalt used for the repairs gradually started coming off.

The residents held BBMP authorities, particularly ward engineers, responsible for their negligence in filling potholes. They claimed that the BBMP officials failed to inspect the quality of asphalt used for the repairs, showing a lack of concern.

"The quality of the asphalt used for filling up potholes is poor. The asphalt can be easily removed with little effort. It was easily coming off. I urge the BBMP Chief Commissioner to take action against those responsible for the poor quality of the asphalt. Now, the potholes have returned and motorists continue to face problems commuting on this road," said Kalai of the Aam Aadmi Party.

He said the loose gravel on the road is causing hurdles for motorists, especially for two-wheeler riders. "It is dangerous for unwary two-wheeler riders to commute on this road. Two-wheelers are likely to skid due to the loose gravel on the road. It would be helpful if BBMP authorities addressed this issue as soon as possible," he said.

Munesh C, a Rayasandra resi-



The poor condition of Hosa Road

dent, urged BBMP authorities to take strict action against the contractor responsible for filling potholes on Hosa Road, expressing shock that the asphalt vanished within days. "It is a disbelief to see asphalt coming off from potholes. I believe that the BBMP authorities are focused on the number of potholes filled up rather than using quality asphalt to fill up potholes," Munesh said.

A resident of Rayasandra, pleading anonymity, said that issues like mismanagement and the connection between BBMP authorities and con-

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— Kalai, Aam Aadmi Party

tractors may be contributing to the poor quality of asphalt used. "The BBMP authorities engaged workers, who have no knowledge or train-

ing, to fill up potholes. They were in a hurry to dump the asphalt to fill up potholes. They did not bother to check whether or not those potholes are filled up properly," the resident said.

Meanwhile, the BBMP Assistant Engineer said the potholes were filled up by the contractor engaged by the Major Roads Department. "There was an issue about the quality of the asphalt or materials used for filling up potholes. I will look into the matter. It is our responsibility to fill the potholes," the Engineer said.

BBMP tests e-Khata in two wards, plans citywide rollout

With the Revenue Department mandating e-Khata for property registration statewide, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has commenced the issuance of e-Khatas. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath announced the test launch of the faceless, contactless, and online BBMP e-Khata Issuance System on October 1, 2024. As part of this initiative, draft e-Khatas based on existing BBMP records are available online at www.bbmpeAasthi.karnataka.gov.in, where citizens can download them. To obtain a final e-Khata, citizens must submit additional details such as Aadhaar-linked KYC, GPS coordinates of the property, property photographs, the registered deed, encumbrance certificates dated from April 1, 2004, to the present and BESCOM (Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited) metre numbers. Additional documents may be required for A-Khata verification.

For those unable to provide the necessary documents online, there is an option to physically visit the jurisdictional ARO (Assistant Revenue Officer) for assistance in processing the final e-Khata. A seven-day objection period will be

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provided for citizens to file concerns about the draft e-Khata, which will be reviewed and decided upon by the ARO. BBMP officials highlighted the importance of GPS data for each property as a unique identifier to ensure smooth, contactless e-Khata services. The pilot project is currently underway in two wards, where the e-Khata includes a photo of the building and the owner.

Officials stressed that digitising the khata process enhances transparency and accessibility. Khata, a crucial document containing property ownership and tax details, has historically been issued in paper format, which is susceptible to tampering. Digitising the process through e-Aasthi will safeguard the integrity of property documents, making it more convenient for property owners and buyers. With the e-Aasthi



BBMP plans to partner with Bangalore One Centre to enable citizen access to e-Aasthi details in east zone

platform, citizens can now verify ownership, and property details, and even download documents via DigiLocker. "The system will eventually include 42 new features, such as property and owner photographs, location details, and other property-specific data. While the digitisation process is time-consuming, efforts are underway to digitise all properties in Bengaluru. The BBMP plans to tie up with Bangalore One Centre to facilitate citizen interactions and access to e-Aasthi details, initially in the east zone, for a nominal fee. The initiative will help curb fraudulent activities by ensuring that revenue officials inspect properties in person, take photographs, and upload them. In peripheral areas, where digital systems are still being

integrated, BBMP is following established procedures. Master trainers have already trained over 100 officials to roll out the project in the west and south zones. Additional security features, such as biometric verification, may be introduced to further prevent tampering," said an official.

It may be noted that in May 2022, the Anti-Corruption Bureau uncovered a widespread scam involving over 5,000 fake e-Khatas issued in and around Bengaluru, with areas like Kumbalagodu and Tavarekere being particularly affected. The scam was exposed following the suicide of a government official linked to the fraudulent activity. BBMP is now taking steps to prevent such incidents. — BMB

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Hennur Bande



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Cart chaos

Siddaiah Road



A food cart blocks pedestrian space on the footpath opposite New General Auto Spares on Siddaiah Road by setting up as early as 4 pm.

Tree trimming

Nandini Layout



The owner of a new commercial building at the Jai Maruti Nagar Circle junction in Nandini Layout regularly trims roadside tree branches for an unobstructed view, despite numerous complaints.

Individual liberty not greater than country: HC

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that individual liberty takes a backseat when national interest, unity, sovereignty, or integrity is at stake, emphasising that an individual is not greater than the country where they were born.

This observation was made by a division bench comprising Justices Sreenivas Harish Kumar and JM Khazi while rejecting the bail petition of Arafath Ali, who is charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and IPC for allegedly radicalising youth and promoting the ideology of the Islamic State (ISIS).

The bench dismissed the accused's argument regarding the applicability of Article 21 of the Constitution, stating, "Article 21 concerns the liberty of an individual. What Article 21 states is that personal liberty of a person cannot be curtailed without due process of law. But whenever national interest is involved or a challenge is posed to unity,



sovereignty and integrity of the nation, individual liberty recedes to background." The court further clarified that an accused can invoke Article 21 only if they are arrested without due process of law, and if the criminal action is found to be in accordance with the established legal procedure, bail applications must be decided by applying the relevant bail laws, not Article 21.

The case in question pertains to the stabbing of a youth named Prem Singh in Shivamogga City in 2022. Due to the gravity of the

offense, the Government of India ordered the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to investigate the matter on November 14, 2022. During the investigation, the role of the appellant, accused No 10, surfaced, but he could not be arrested as he was abroad. The NIA arrested him on September 14, 2023, and obtained permission for further investigation. A supplementary charge sheet was filed under various sections of the IPC and UAPA. The accused's bail application was dismissed by the Special

Court on February 2, 2024.

The NIA court, while rejecting the bail application, referred to a witness statement disclosing the appellant's role in radicalising local youth. The prosecution relied heavily on accomplice statements, which the appellant argued were inadmissible.

The High Court bench, after reviewing the records, noted that a protected witness had implicated the appellant, stating that he and another individual had sought to influence the witness to establish a caliphate in India, which aligns with the basic ideology of ISIS. The court held that a confession statement or recovery under section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act is not always necessary to implicate an accused, and the decision to record a confession statement depends on the circumstances of each case. Consequently, the Karnataka high court dismissed the appeal.

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Siddaramaiah won't quit

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday questioned the Enforcement Directorate (ED) filing a money laundering case against him in the MUDA 'scam,' firmly stating that he would not be resigning over the matter. He also expressed surprise at his wife Parvathi BM's decision to relinquish ownership of 14 plots allotted to her by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), attributing her action to the "politics of hate" targeting him.

Siddaramaiah explained that the compensatory sites allotted to his wife were not grounds for a money laundering case, questioning the basis for ED's action. He emphasised that the case did not justify the charges under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). In response, the ED has filed an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) against him, invoking sections of the PMLA.

Meanwhile, Lokayukta police, acting on a complaint from social activist Snehamayi Krishna, continued to investigate the allotment of the 14 plots. The investigation team, accompanied by MUDA officials, surveyed the land, while Krishna appeared before the Lokayukta police in Mysuru.

In a separate development, Union Minister for Large Industries and Steel HD Kumaraswamy accused the Karnataka Congress government of conspiring to have him jailed. He claimed that CM Siddaramaiah's team had previously attempted to imprison him and alleged misconduct by a police officer tied to the land mafia in Bengaluru. Kumaraswamy stated that he had obtained bail as a precautionary measure and vowed to continue exposing corruption within the government.

—BMB

Booty stocked, off on pilgrimage

Police crack case of bizman's home burglary, reveal suspects went to Dharmasthala after deed



Subramanya Police station seized 1 kg 802 grams gold and other valuables worth Rs 1.09 crore

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Three men have been arrested in connection with a theft of gold, diamond jewellery, silver items, and watches, totaling Rs 1.09 crore. The incident occurred at a house on Maruti Extension 3rd Main Road within the jurisdiction of the Subramanya Nagar Police Station. The complainant, a businessman, had gone to Mantralaya on September 21 and discovered the burglary upon his return on September 22.

The police recovered stolen items, including over one kilogram of gold and diamond jewellery, 110 grams of silver ornaments, eight watches, and Rs 18,000 in cash.

After the crime, the suspects, Nandish GM and Nandish HM,

who are brothers-in-law, along with their accomplice Pratapa Kumar, are said to have traveled to Dharmasthala for redemption. They then returned and were holed up in Huliaryu.

The trio had gained entry into the house by breaking the grill of a first-floor window, making off with valuables worth Rs 1.09 crore.

In a similar case, two men were arrested by the Bagalur Police for stealing gold jewellery from houses, with 437.25 grams of gold and 85 grams of silver items, worth Rs 31.09 lakh, recovered.

The theft was reported on March 26 by a resident of Chokkanahalli village, after the complainant returned from a trip to Kerala and found their home had been broken into.

Following the investigation, police arrested the suspects on September 19 from Atiyuru bus stand in Tamil Nadu. Upon interroga-

tion, the accused admitted to the theft and revealed they had stolen gold jewellery from various houses in Bengaluru. The main accused in this case has a total of 10 theft cases registered against him—three in Bengaluru and seven in Tamil Nadu.

Guard steals ₹10.95 lakh, buys car, jewellery

A security guard employed at an audit office in Jayanagar 2nd Block was arrested for stealing cash, gold jewellery, and other valuables.

The Chartered Accountant (CA) of the audit office filed a complaint at Siddapura Police Station on September 22, reporting the theft of Rs10.95 lakh. The guard allegedly used his knowledge of his boss's movements to commit the crime on September 20.

Following investigation, the Siddapur police apprehended the accused Narayanaswamy, 34, near

Trio gains entry into house when owner was away by breaking grill of 1st-floor window, decamps with valuables worth ₹1.09 crore

a tea joint on Outer Ring Road, Kasthurinagar, on September 26. During interrogation, the accused confessed to using the stolen cash to purchase a car, gold jewellery, a wristwatch, and a mobile phone. According to sources, the accused was working in the audit office for one year.

A total of Rs 3.50 lakh in cash was recovered from the car, along with the other stolen items, amounting to a total value of Rs 5.84 lakh.

Stolen bikes worth ₹12.7 lakh recovered

The Parappana Agrahara police have arrested a delivery executive and his accomplice, a security guard, recovering 13 stolen two-wheelers valued at Rs 12.7 lakh. The suspects, identified as Shabaz Khan and Om, were apprehended as they were acting suspiciously on a motorcycle near Rayasandra Lake.

During a thorough investigation, both men confessed to stealing a bike that had been parked in front of a residence. The police recovered four stolen motorcycles, along with two additional bikes.

The duo would scout residential areas for parked bikes, stealing them and selling the stolen vehicles at throwaway prices. Unsold bikes were hidden in isolated locations. With these arrests, 10 cases have been solved across the city.

Hop, skip & jump on footpaths

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soon," said Parameshwar N, a pedestrian.

A shop owner in the area also expressed concern over the pathetic condition of the footpath. "The condition of the footpath has been this bad for more than two years. The BBMP has done nothing to fix this problem," said the shop owner, pleading anonymity.

There is nothing to crow about the condition of footpaths on Siddaiah Road, Palace Guttahalli Bus Stop, Nrupathunga Road, Swamy Vivekananda Road, Old Airport Road. "The condition of footpaths on Siddaiah Road is quite disturbing. It is really tough for pedestrians to walk on the footpath. The BBMP, and especially elected representative Uday B Garudachar, must take measures to mitigate pedestrians' woes," said Selwyn Mascarenhas, a pedestrian.

No space

There is hardly any space for footpaths on the road near Navarang Theater, Rajajinagar. Pedestrians, especially school children, are compelled to walk on the road thus making themselves vulnerable to accidents. "There is no space for footpaths on this road. The space meant for footpaths is encroached by shop owners. It may not be viable for the BBMP to demolish structures constructed on the footpath. The traffic police must help the pedestrians on this road,"



There is hardly any space left for pedestrians on this footpath near Navrang Talkies, Rajajinagar



The condition of footpath near Palace Guttahalli Bus Stop

Despite government provisions, these violations persist, particularly along major roads, junctions and link roads, endangering senior citizens, women and children

said Prakash S, a pedestrian.

Pointing to the dire state of footpaths in the city, Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation, said the rampant encroachments by vehicles, shops and street vendors, makes most of them inaccessible and hazardous for pedestrians. "Despite government provisions, these violations persist, particularly along major roads, junctions and link roads, endangering senior citizens, women and children. The broken and unsafe condition of footpaths demand immediate attention, as does the alarming rise in two wheelers driving on footpaths, which calls for strict action from Bengaluru traffic police," said Vinod Jacob.

He said that it was time for serious intervention, with slapping heavy fines, impounding vehicles and revoking licences of repeat offenders to ensure safety on our streets. "Food aggregators have to be fined for serious violations like executives riding on footpath, and one-way driving. They tend to break all the traffic rules in the city," he said.

Will HSRP help? Wait and watch

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"We have handed over both scooters and the accused to the Law-and-Order department. Since the scooters were parked

together, we were able to identify the issue and take appropriate action. The accused had used the same registration number on both scooters to conceal the identity of the other vehicle. The current number plate has eight pending cases and a fine of ₹4,000. We are now trying to trace the number plate of the second scooter to check if there are any prior cases associated with it," said Anitha B Haddannavar, Deputy Commissioner of Police Traffic, West.

This incident highlights a growing issue in Bengaluru—vehicle owners using forged or duplicated number plates to evade fines, avoid detection, or even engage in criminal activities. Over the past year, the Traffic Police have recorded a significant rise in cases of duplicate or fake vehicle registration numbers.

According to police data, in 2023, over 1 lakh vehicles were booked for masking their number plates, and in January 2024 alone, 22,000 such cases were registered.

Difficult to trace

By altering or duplicating number plates, miscreants not only violate the law but also create serious complications for authorities. Vehicles involved in illegal activi-

ties, including theft or hit-and-run cases, can be harder to trace when operating under fraudulent registration numbers. This tactic is commonly used to avoid e-challan fines and detection by surveillance cameras placed at various traffic signals.

HSRP number plates

The Transport Department, in collaboration with the Traffic Police, introduced High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) to enhance safety and facilitate the easy tracking of vehicles involved in thefts but it remains to be seen whether this initiative will effectively address the growing issue of number plate duplication.

"Approximately, 75% of the vehicles are yet to be registered under this initiative, so we are not booking any cases at the moment. Once the implementation begins, we will be able to assess how effective it is in reducing the number of number plate duplication cases and the impact it can have," said a traffic police official.

The deadline for registering HSRP has been extended to November 20, though authorities are aiming to implement the initiative sooner. "While the deadline has been extended, we are actively negotiating and working to bring the installation of HSRP into effect as soon as possible," said C Mallikarjun, Additional Commissioner of Transport (Enforcement, South).

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I, AMITHA Mehta, M/o Shagun Chajed, R/at No.6, 6th Cross, Vriddhi Nivas, Markham Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru-560025, have changed my daughter's name from Shagun Chajed to Shagun Jain vide affidavit dated 30/09/2024 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bengaluru.

I, Ranjana D/O Rajendra Singh Chouhan No 1070, 2nd floor, LIG colony 15th B cross, yelahanka new town Bangalore -560064 have changed my name to Ranjana Chouhan for all Purposes vide Affidavit no IN-KA31004730296976W dated (01/10/2024), sworn Before Notary (D. Sarala Kumari)

I, MUJEER ULLA SHARIEFF S/o Basheer Ahmed Sharieff, R/o No.19, Aratabale, Haro halli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Cheeluru, Ramnagar district, Bengaluru-562112 have changed my name to MUJEERULLA SHARIEFF, vide affidavit dated: 01.10.2024 sworn before notary V.Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

I, AMITHA Mehta, M/o Kashish Chajed, R/at No.6, 6th Cross, Vriddhi Nivas, Markham Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru-560025, have changed my daughter's name from Kashish Chajed to Kashish Jain vide affidavit dated 30/09/2024 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, Bengaluru.

I, Srimathy Lakshmaiah, W/o Chikkappaanna Reddy Narayana Reddy, R/o. #10-666/1, Arakere, Kothanur Cross Road, BG Road, B'lore-076, have changed my name to SRIMATHI vide affidavit Dtd: 01/10/24 before Notary M. Rajendra, B'lore.

I Satya Ranjan Mandal Durgadas Mandal S/O, Durgadas Mandal R/o Omega-081, Bearys Lakeside Habitat, No 18 Shantivana, Sanjeevini Nagar, Bangalore-560092 have changed my name to Satya Ranjan Mandal.

I, MOHAMMED ABRAR JABBAR, R/a. #3253, Budikote Road Cross, Bangarpet-563114. I, have changed my name to, MOHAMED ABRAR JABBAR vide affidavit dated 30.09.2024 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore

I, AHAMED KHAN, R/a. No.No.61,Margal Village. C A Halli, Bangarpet-563114. I, have changed my name to AHMED KHAN Vide affidavit, dated 30/09/2024 Sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore

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I Malakamma Patil D/O, Bhimaraya Patil R/o No. 42/10, Near Sajjan Kalyanmantap, Vidyanagar, Jevargi, Kalaburgi 585310 have changed my name to Mallika Patil vide affidavit dated 23.06.2024 sworn before advocate and notary Y.R. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru

I, Ramesh Gaddi S/O, Siddappa Gaddi R/o No 1/1 Radha Krishna Building Dr Rajkumar Road, 6th Block Rajajinagar Bengaluru 560010 have changed my name to Ramesh Shiddappa Gaddi for all purposes.

I Premjith Jayaprakash Nair S/O, Jayaprakash Nair R/o G12 Confident Snowflake, Sarjapura Road, Channarayana Bengaluru 562125 have changed my name to Premjith Nair.

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I, Wasim Pasha.I S/o Ilyas pasha R/o #410 2nd main 3rd Cross Dargha Mohalla Doorvaninagar B'lore-560016 have changed my name to Wasim Pasha for all purposes.

I Uday Jannu S/O, Sreenivasa Jannu R/o H No. 117A, 8th Ward, Main Road, Kudligi, Vijayanagara 583135 Karnataka have changed my name to Uday Sreenivasa Jannu.

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I, Ajay Peesapati, S/o Late P Vijaya Gopal R/o #1106 Brigades Millennium JP Nagar 7th Phase Bangalore - 560078, Karnataka have lost my Sale agreement and construction agreement executed on 23-11-2007 by M/s Concorde housing corporation Pvt Ltd. Lost Report No. 1268260/2024 dates 01-10-2024

I Bilkis Kamaruddin Merchant have lost my bag containing Sale Deed No.4790 88-89 on 28.09.2024 at Shivaji Nagar bus stand. Please contact 9243104963.suitable reward will be given.

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MISSING



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MIND, BODY & HEART



All you need to know about...

Intermittent fasting

Metabolic syndrome in check

Finding it hard to manage blood sugar levels? Take heart, limiting your food consumption to a 10-hour window daily may keep your diabetes in check, according to a study. Following the 10-hour eating window, a type of intermittent fasting, can also help you manage metabolic syndrome -- a group of medical conditions that can lead to heart disease, diabetes, and stroke.

Good for heart

Risk factors attributing to the syndrome include elevated blood sugar, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol -- key factors for poor heart health.

Researchers led by the University of California San Diego and Salk Institute in the US said the findings may help people looking to address their metabolic syndrome and reduce their risk for Type 2 diabetes.

Body's natural rhythm

In the trial, published online in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 108 adult patients with metabolic syndrome were randomised into either a time-restricted eating group or a control group.

In the time-restricted eating group, each person had to reduce their eating window to 10 hours per day, which began at least one hour after waking up and ended at least three hours before going to sleep.

After three months, patients who had completed the time-restricted eating regimen showed significant improvements in key indicators of heart health.

Satchidananda Panda, a professor at the Salk Institute explained that the time of day plays an important role in human bodies' processing of sugars and fats.

When people limit their eating window, they "re-engage the body's natural wisdom and harness its daily circadian rhythms to restore metabolism and improve health".

The routine also helped people lose body weight, maintain proper body mass index (BMI), and manage abdominal trunk fat.

— IANS

Can I trust my period tracking app?



Here's what it can tell you – and what to watch out for

As many as 50 million people now have a record of their menstrual cycle on their personal devices.

But how much should we rely on our period tracker for reliable and accurate information about menstruation and fertility? Some apps are free, and some make you pay. All are part of a booming industry known as "femtech". But evidence about the apps' accuracy and quality suggest they don't always help us better understand our bodies.

Here's what period-tracking apps can – and can't – tell you about your cycle.

How do period trackers work?

Period trackers ask users to enter a large amount of personal data, including period dates, sexual activity, mood, symptoms (such as bloating or cramps), and energy levels. Based on this self-reported data, the apps use algorithms to make predictions.

These include when your period will arrive, how long it will last, the day you'll ovulate and your "fertile window", usually about 3–7 days per cycle when conception is more likely.

Some apps rely entirely on the length of the menstrual cycle to make their predictions (known as calendar-based apps).

Others also use biometric data, such as daily body temperature, cervical mucus consistency or hormone levels in the urine. These bodily changes directly relate to ovulation, and can therefore increase the accuracy of ovulation predictions.

But many apps don't include this data in their algorithms, even if they record it. And many apps aren't transparent about how they formulate predictions, and whether they are applicable to most users.

Challenging the 28-day cycle norm

The textbook menstrual cycle has been understood as 28 days, with ovulation occurring at day 14, or 14 days before the next period.

But research since the 1960s has shown the length of menstrual cycles can vary be-

tween individuals and from cycle to cycle. Now, recently published data from period tracking apps reveals just how varied they can be.

Collaborations between researchers and app companies mean we have access to millions of cycles from hundreds of thousands of people.

These studies have shown only 13–16% of women have a 28-day cycle, and only 13% ovulate on day 14. There is also considerable variation month to month. For example, one study showed cycle length varied for more than half of women by five or more days.

These findings call into question our definition of a "normal" menstrual cycle. Despite this, many calendar-based apps still predict ovulation as 14 days before the estimated period start date, meaning they may be inaccurate for most people.

Should I trust app predictions to prevent pregnancy?

Some people use period app predictions for fertility planning, either to increase their chances of conception or as a contraceptive tool.

Although data examining apps' ability to prevent pregnancy is limited, existing studies have found a fail rate of 7.2–8.3%. This rate of unintended pregnancy is similar to that of condoms with typical use.

However, studies often excluded participants if their cycle length varied somewhere between three and seven days. This means their effectiveness for preventing pregnancy is less certain for many people whose cycle varies.

The reliability of these findings also depends on how consistently users logged their data, which is hard to verify. Many of these studies were also funded and authored by the companies that own the app studied, so results should be interpreted with caution.

Do period trackers help women learn about their bodies?

As our research has shown, apps often market themselves as empowering users, enhancing self-knowledge and control. Many claim to fill the gap in women's health research.

But one recent study found people who

use period-tracking apps are no more likely to have basic knowledge of their cycles than those who don't use them. Another study found apps improve knowledge, but only slightly.

If the app's prediction is wrong, users may doubt their own body rather than the app's accuracy. Women have reported feeling stressed and anxious when the dates don't match up. The quality of information on these apps can also be highly variable. Evidence-based information can help destigmatise and normalise common symptoms such as vaginal discharge. But when good information is available, it is often locked behind a paywall or very generic.

Some apps may also endorse non-scientific beliefs, such as cycle syncing (planning workouts and diets based on menstrual cycle phases), seed cycling (eating different combinations of seeds in an attempt to balance hormones) and astrology.

So should I use a period tracker to monitor my cycle?

Period trackers are a profitable

industry, collecting personal information on a global scale. The companies behind these apps are not bound by medical legislation, but instead by the rules of the app store that hosts them.

Provided you enter dates correctly, apps can give you an instant record of your menstrual cycles. This can be very helpful for a number of reasons, such as discussing your menstrual history with a doctor, estimating your due date if pregnant or helping inform a diagnosis of menopause.

Predictions can also be useful as an idea of when your period may arrive. But be aware they could be wrong. And given the mounting evidence showing just how much menstrual cycle length can vary, don't trust your app to tell you if your cycle is not normal.

While major irregularities can be cause for concern, irregular cycles are common and don't always indicate an issue. If you are concerned, it's best to speak to your doctor.

(By Tessa Copp, University of Sydney and Emmalee Ford, University of Newcastle, *The Conversation*)

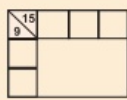
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The average height of 8 students is 170 cm and the average height of the other 12 students is 165 cm. The average height of all students is?

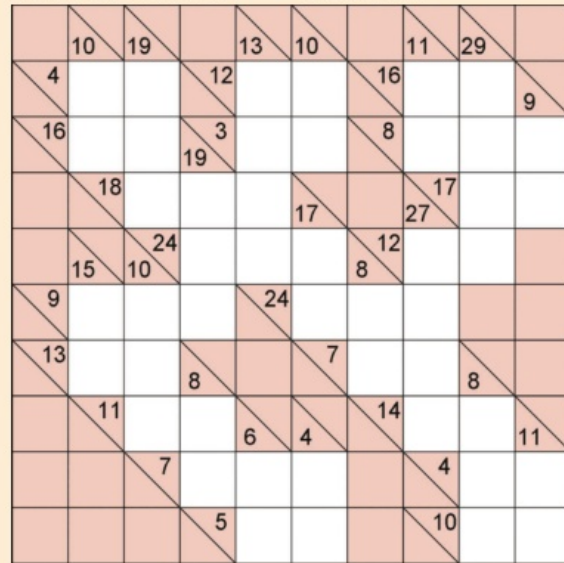
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Ancient Indian dynasty (6)
- 8 Sounding like a bovine (6)
- 9 Imperfection (4)
- 10 Libertine (8)
- 11 Disparagement (3-4)
- 13 Part of the large intestine (5)
- 15 Karnataka town whose name is associated with South Indian food (5)
- 17 Pecked at or bit (7)
- 20 In a sleepy manner (8)
- 21 Ancient church desk (4)
- 23 Most judicious (6)
- 24 Utter a series of oaths; swear (3,3)

DOWN

- 1 Lanky (4)
- 2 Gloated (6)
- 3 Rolls about in mud? (7)
- 4 Unoccupied (5)
- 5 European monarchy (6)
- 6 Corrective remedy (8)
- 12 Form the basis of? (8)
- 14 Two-wheeler (7)
- 16 Hocked (6)
- 18 Explosions (6)
- 19 Implies or insinuates (5)
- 22 Google co-founder Sergey (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS G
 FJA OMZLG MO GLCTAZFSNSFU
 SG P VSGFMHFSQW BSHHMH.



Linemaro

Guess what I am wearing? The smile you gave me



Mindchow

You were born with wings. Why prefer to crawl through life?



Joke of the day

Facebook is a place where if a boy posts a joke, he gets no response. If a girl posts the same joke, she gets 150 likes and 56 friend requests

Loop

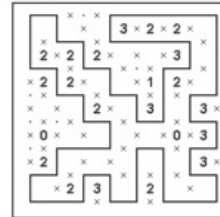
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

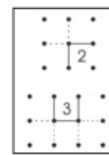
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

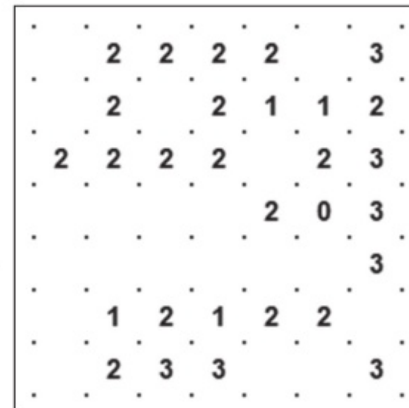
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



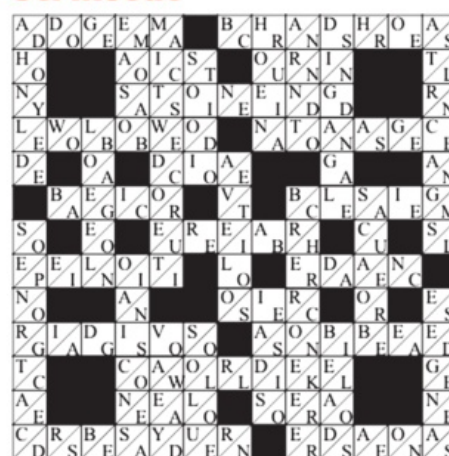
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



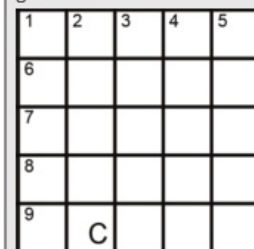
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

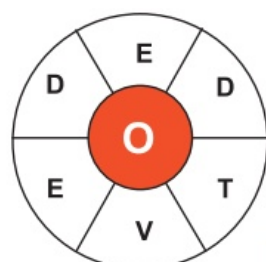
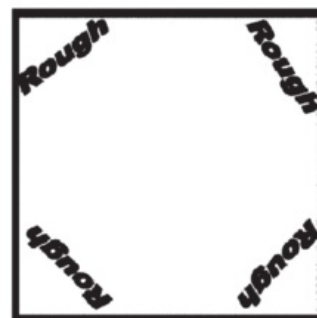
- 1 Ma has; 6 Cameo;
- 7 Alien; 8 Or rig;
- 9 Sonic

DOWN

- 1 I a car; 2 Con I'm;
- 3 Mi Goa; 4 Lohan;
- 5 Erses

Mensapuzzle

Solve this rebus:



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 9

3 5 8 9

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 22

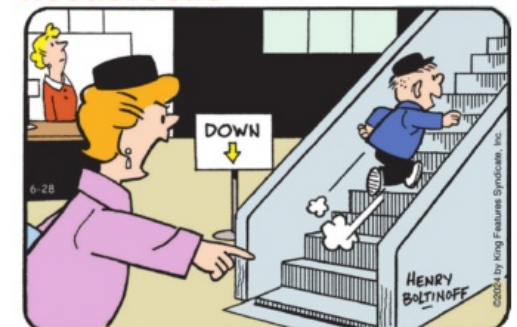
5 5 7 8

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 19

1 2 9 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arrow is different. 2. Hair is different. 3. Ear is different. 4. Dress collar is missing. 5. Hand is moved. 6. Woman's mouth is not open as wide.

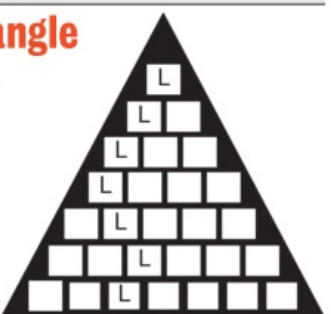
Riddler

I am bound in a book but you cannot read me, I am struck and played but not musically, I am your equal in skill and also in stature, I am used in heat and light manufacture. What am I?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Litre
- 2 51 in ancient Rome
- 3 Sass
- 4 Speech defect
- 5 Trims edges
- 6 Join film together
- 7 Overshadow

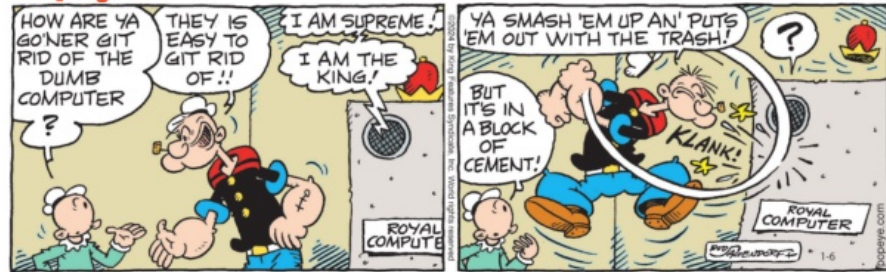
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

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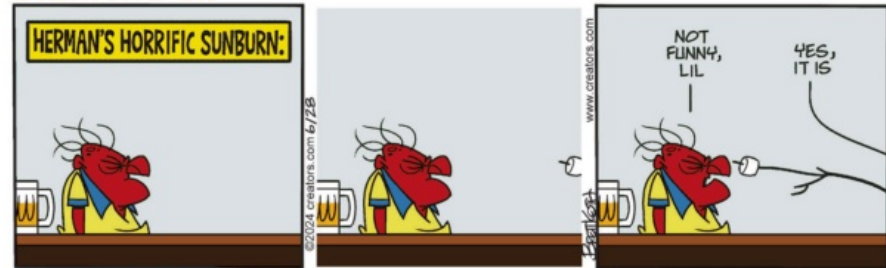
Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may feel dissatisfied. You may feel lazy and dull, which may affect your current project speed or work and cause delays. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision regarding marriage. Job seekers may be disappointed regarding interviews.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you may feel unhappy and dull, it affects your way of working. There may be some delay in your projects. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Love birds may have some break-ups. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of new jobs.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may feel dissatisfied, you may not be able to take your responsibilities. Your investments may give you some loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting in your signature. Elders' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house, but it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may get a high position after your hard work. Your performance at work may be improved. You may also meet some influential person, who may give you a good direction to improve your life. You may manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost harmony in domestic life.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may be busy at work, your network may be increased and with the help of your network, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your business in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will be improved.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may be busy with your family, but you may enjoy time with your family and friends. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. You may control your expenditure on worthless stuff. You may buy some worthwhile things, which may increase your social status.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may be happy, things may be somehow better. You may plan to visit some religious places, it may give you inner strength. You may also donate some amount to religious places or charity. You may expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may get their suitable match. Singles are likely to find soul mates.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may perform your best in the office. You may have a good bond with your boss, you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. You may get good incentives for your work also. Disputes with the siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find new jobs.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, an elder's blessing may help you and you may try to improve your patience. Your focus may come back, it may help you achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business and domestic life. There may be some balance between expenditure and savings. It may boost your savings.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you may feel a positive vibration around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. You may expect some long-distance travel also. You will have faith in your spouse, which will bring harmony to your domestic life.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today kids' education may make you busy, but you may plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news in terms of kids. You may think to update yourself and make some plans for higher studies or promotion in the current job. Singles may find their soul mates. Natives related to education, consultants, and banking will do better.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

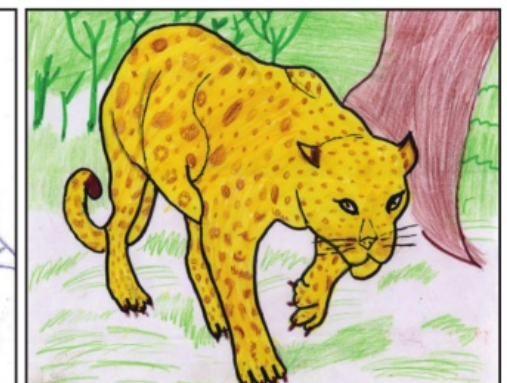
Today your internal power may make you happy, you may get short gains in terms of investments. You may make good relations with your boss. You may get promoted. Your prestige in the society may be increased. You may also expect some work-related travel.



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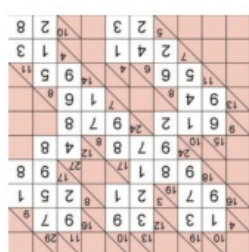


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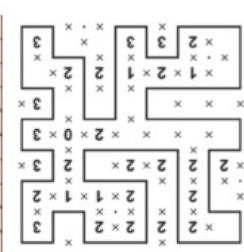
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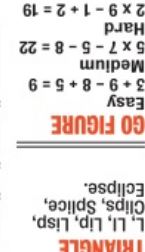
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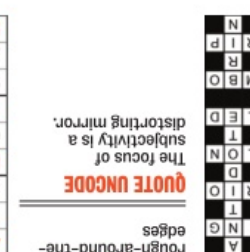
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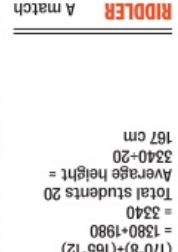
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Musical journey



Namma Bengaluru boy Chetan Rao, an upcoming music director, is excited about his movie Seetha Circle Shree Krishnan Mane that is set to arrive in theaters shortly. Rao began learning Hindustani classical music early under the guidance of Sangeeta Katti, a playback singer and Hindustani classical vocalist. "I owe a lot to my mother who encouraged me to learn music and Sangeeta Katti ma'am," said Rao.

After his engineering, Rao joined Middlesex University in Chennai. "I won't forget the support of music director AR Rahman who gave me an opportunity to play the lead in the opera - Sempre Libera. I worked as an assistant for AR Rahman. Later, I had an opportunity to compose music for two songs of Hindi movie Monsoon Shootout," Rao said.

He also scored music and background music for movie KTM and for Sarvasva, a Kannada music album.

For labourers

Producer S Narasimha Murthy has returned to Sandalwood after a gap of two years. Murthy debuted as a producer in Sandalwood with Garudaaksha. Now, he is set to debut as a director with the film Container. Its shooting was completed and it has been given a U certificate.

"Though Garudaaksha was not a success at the box office, I decided to bankroll this movie apart from helping it because of my concern towards labourers. Some real incidents and media reports on the plight of scavengers and others motivated me to write the script for this movie," said Murthy.

As part of the promotional activities, the team of Container made arrangements to release the trailer. "My objective is to highlight the problems of unorganised labourers. The movie conveys a message to society, especially those who engage labourers, on the importance of treating them with respect," he said.

If all goes well, the director-cum-producer is planning to release this movie in the third or fourth week of this month. Its shooting was held in and around Bengaluru and Mangaluru.

The movie features Dattatreya Poojari, Punya Gowda, Manjunath G, Ranganath, Manju, and BK Udayakumar.



Wise words

Alia recalls advice she holds close when doing action films

Alia Bhatt is making waves in the film industry with her upcoming action-thriller 'Jigra', set to release on October 11.

Directed by Vasan Bala, this film is not just another addition to her repertoire; it represents a significant shift in her career towards action-oriented roles.

In an interview with Tried & Refused Productions, Alia shared insights from the advice she received from renowned filmmaker SS Rajamouli, which has influenced her choices in selecting the role.

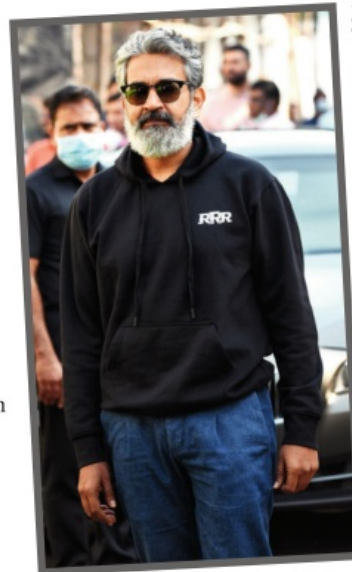
The actor's decision to delve into action films stems

from a desire to challenge traditional gender roles in cinema. She articulated this sentiment, stating, "It's cool to see a woman fight and really fight, and you do not really have to think that this is a woman fighting. It's just a human being fighting for whatever x, y, z reason."

In 'Jigra', Alia plays Satya Anand, a character driven by the fierce determination to rescue her brother from dire circumstances.

She explained, "What connected with me was its vigor and its emotion. And it's not like I was in this film; I'll do action and I'll show people." Advice from SS Rajamouli stands out as a cornerstone of Alia's philosophy. She recounted his words: "Rajamouli sir said this to me once: that action is maybe the pillars and the walls, but if the foundation of the building is not strong and that foundation is your emotion, the building will just collapse."

— ETimes



Brand icon

Bollywood actress Ananya Panday, who was recently seen in the streaming show 'Call Me Bae', is in Paris. The actress attended a fashion event in the French capital.

On Tuesday, Ananya took to her Instagram, and dropped several pictures and videos of her outing in Paris.

She was invited by fashion label Chanel itself to the event where she sported Look 9 from the Cruise show that took place earlier this year - a pink, ecru and black fantasy cotton tweed jacket with matching bermudas. She accessorised her look with black & white heels and a saccharine pink chained bag. Her presence at such an exclusive event highlights her growing influence, not just in cinema but also in the world of luxury fashion.

Fresh off her Call Me Bae success, Ananya has been riding high. Her portrayal of the quirky and stylish Bella Bae Chowdhary has not only won hearts in India but also garnered significant attention overseas.

Her appeal to the Gen Z is undeniable, and has become the go-to face for brands looking to connect with younger audiences. Endorsing over 15 major brands, from luxury labels to everyday essentials, she is the embodiment of versatility. Whether on-screen or off, Ananya is quickly becoming an international icon for her generation.

—ANI



Cesar Award to Julia Roberts

Oscar-winning actor Julia Roberts is set to receive an honorary Cesar Award at the prestigious 50th Cesar Awards ceremony in Paris.

The gala event will take place on February 28, 2025, at the iconic Olympia Hall and will be broadcast live on Canal+, as per The Hollywood Reporter.

In a statement, obtained by The Hollywood Reporter, the French film academy, which presents the Cesars, praised Roberts, saying, "Julia Roberts is not only a movie star but also a cultural icon whose influence extends far beyond her performances."

The academy highlighted her philanthropic efforts, noting her role as a UNICEF ambassador and her active support for humanitarian initiatives worldwide.

Additionally, she has been a vocal advocate for environmental causes, contributing her



voice to documentaries focused on protecting the planet and campaigning for women's rights.

Roberts first gained recognition in Hollywood with her role in 'Mystic Pizza' in 1988, but it was her performance as Vivian Ward in the 1990 classic 'Pretty Woman' that catapulted her to global fame. —ANI